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Obituary

English professor Robert E. Nichols

BY BETH KROOSWYK
Copy Editor

Professor Robert E. Nichols

Professor Robert E. Nichols, Jr., 63, who served Purdue University Calumet for 31 years as an award-winning English professor, scholar, writer and administrator, died unexpectedly July 19, at his home in Homewood, Ill.

Nichols specialized in English composition, business writing, historical English linguistics and early English literature.

"He was an inspiration to all of the faculty here at PUC and to his students and graduate students," said Professor Dennis Barbour, head of Purdue Calumet's English and philosophy department. "He led by example."

In 1972 and again in 1976, Nichols was the recipient of the AMOCO Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, the first faculty member of Purdue Calumet to receive repeat honors. He received the Distinguished Service Award of theMuseum of Science and Industry for his micro-workbook series in linguistics. Nichols also received the Lilly Endowment Faculty Open Fellowship for a project to help improve the reading and writing skills of children.

"I don't know anyone who worked harder than Professor Nichols," Barbour said. "He was voted Outstanding Teacher twice, yet he never let that stop him from improving and revising."

"Bob Nichols...was extremely

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Lounging on the plaza

Photo by Sean Kingston

Students take a break in the nearly completed Founders Plaza. Phase I of the construction is coming to a close on the $1.2 million project. A feature of the plaza is many 'park benches' made of recycled plastic, which provide a relaxing place to socialize.

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Fair highlights activity groups

REGINA HURST
Features Editor

The SFLC concourse next week will be the scene of more than 20 student groups competing for the attention of potential new members. The Office of Student Activities is sponsoring the fair Wednesday, Sept. 4, and Thursday, Sept. 5, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"This is an opportunity for organizations to showcase themselves; it gives students a chance to see and talk to several groups at one time," said Larry Liddle, director of Student Activities. "Students interested in joining a group can have their questions answered. The fair isn't just for new students; returning students, who maybe didn't have the time or the interest before, can take a look at the groups, too."

Currently, there are more than 60 student activity groups on file with the university. They range from the Green Coalition, one of the newer groups, to the Theta Phi Alpha sorority, who celebrated their 25th anniversary last year.

The Office of Student Activities publishes "Connect," a complete guide to all of the campus groups. The booklet is available at the information desk or in the Activities' office on the third floor of the Library building, room C-339.

Although most people think the social aspect is the main reason students join a group, there are other benefits that come from membership. "Personal development is the first thing I think of," said Michelle Peak, secretary in the Activities office. Becoming a well-rounded individual has its advantages: "Scholarship applications always look for what extra-curricular activities students are involved in," said Peak.

About the fair

Activities Fair
SFLC concourse
10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sept. 4 and 5

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Survey helps fitness center prepare for 1996

RAYMOND LISKEY
Staff Writer

The staff of the Total Fitness Center (TFC) used the results of a survey done last semester to help better serve PUC students and other members of the TFC.

The survey asked TFC members to rate the equipment, the TFC staff and the fitness center as a whole. The survey also inquired about members' specific reasons for using the TFC, when they use it and general comments.

"We were surprised we had good results," said Exercise physiologist Wendy Saylor.

The 144 responses from TFC members showed that 54 percent of its members were PUC students while 27 percent came from public membership. Almost all of the people surveyed indicated that they felt positive about the equipment offered and the TFC staff.

Some of the more popular statements made concerning improvements to the TFC included the addition of a swimming pool, lowering racquetball fees, keeping extended hours year round and improving the free weight room.

Saylor saw the comments as immediate and important feedback which will help improve the service of the TFC for years to come.

Immediate changes have already taken place in the TFC, including the lowering of racquetball fees. Exercise Physiologist and Director of the TFC John Bobalik talked about two new machines added to the TFC this semester. Another treadmill and a new machine called the Aerex Body Pump have been purchased. Bobalik describes the Body Pump as a "Gravitron for the lower body.

"The Aerex machine was designed for people with medical problems, people that are deconditioned, people with arthritis or older people," Bobalik stated.

The primary factor that makes the machine so useful is its focus on safety. The Body Pump supports the back and knees while allowing an easier and less dangerous leg workout or rehabilitation

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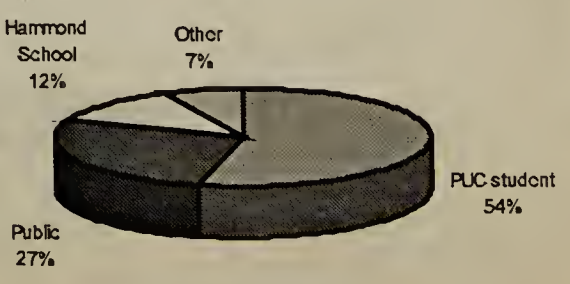
TFC survey current membership



Briefs

SG Senate seat available

Student Government has announced that a Senator's position has become available for the upcoming school year. Students interested in the position must have a minimum grade point average of 2.0+ and need to complete an application. The job requirements include serving two hours per week in the SG office, attending bi-weekly SG meetings and selected committee meetings. Application forms are available in the SG office C-324G, Student Activities office C-339, or at the information desk in the Library building. Or call 989-2394 for more information. Deadline for applications is Sept. 9.

Activity Groups can apply for office space

Space allocation forms have been distributed by Student Government to the student organization mailboxes. Groups that do not have a mailbox can pick up a form in the Student Activities Office C-339. Deadline for completed forms is Aug. 29.

I love to read

Celebrate International Literacy Day with area personalities at Lake County Public Library, 1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville, from 2-4 p.m.,Sunday, Sept. 8. Guest readers will share their love of reading by selecting a passage or a few lines from a favorite book to read in a public forum. Readers include Congressman Pete Visclosky, Senator Sue Landske, Chancellor Hilda Richards of IUN, Jim Gordon, Dr. Dan Dunn of PUC, Lake County Prosecutor Bernie Carter and many more high profile readers. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Sharon Ball at 769-3541,ext. 309.

Pedal the parks

The Lake County Parks, along with Schwinn Cycling and Fitness and Pepsi Cola are sponsoring the first annual "Pedal the Parks" bicycle rally on Saturday, Aug. 31. The rally is a ride of 23 miles beginning at Stoney Run, pedaling down to the Grand Kankakee Marsh and then returning to Stoney Run. The rally begins at 10 a.m. with registration set for 9:30 a.m. Cost of the ride is $5 per rider which includes fruit and refreshments.

Each of the first 100 registrants will receive a water bottle, donated by Schwinn Cycling and Fitness. Helmets are required. For more information call 769-PARK.

Overeaters Anonymous meets weekly

Overeaters Anonymous, a self-help group to aid compulsive overeaters, meets each Thursday at 5 p.m. in room C-305.

Purdue phones get friendly

1-800-HI-PURDUE (1-800-447-8738) is the new 800 telephone number for Purdue University Calumet. It is now available for callers within the 219 area code. The current toll free number, 1-800-228-0799, will be removed from service effective January 1997. Even though the number of letters in the new number exceeds the normal seven digits in a telephone number, the call will be completed when dialed.

Hospice volunteers needed

Dedicated individuals are needed to fill a variety of volunteer roles for Harbor Light Hospice. Volunteer opportunities include visiting patients in the nursing home/private homes, providing clerical support in the Merrillville office, making crafts for patients, helping with activities for nursing home residents and assisting families working through grief. For further information about Harbor Light Hospice, call 793-1200 or toll free (800) 237-4242.

Celebration of Cultures

The 24th Annual International Culture Festival and Lacare Art and Craft Fair is Saturday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m., and Sunday, September 8, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., on the grounds of Howard Branch Library and Morton High School at 169th St. and Grand Ave. Free parking and bus service are available at the 169th St. entrance.

The two-day free event highlights the richness of ethnic diversity in the Calumet Region. The celebration offers an extensive exhibit of arts and crafts, a variety of ethnic and other food booths, as well as performing groups. On Sunday, the Festival opens with a Naturalization Ceremony for 75 new citizens.

Coupon books for sale

Tri-City Community Mental Health Center is selling Northwest Indiana Entertainment '97 coupon books to benefit girls' residential services. Both Indiana and Illinois books are for sale and are good for discounts at restaurants, movies, concerts, sporting events and other outings. The coupons can be used at businesses throughout Lake and Porter Counties as well as select events in LaPorte, Chicago, and Michigan. The Northwest Indiana book costs $30 and is valid through November 1997. For more information, call Diane Sak at (219)392-6023 or (312)721-8767.

Rah Rah Rah

The PUC Cheer Team provides an opportunity to represent and promote Purdue University Calumet with pride and enthusiasm. Cheer team members will demonstrate their talents at PUC Men's basketball game and special events. Try-outs will take place on Sat., Sept. 28 at 10 a.m. Practices, which will demonstrate the required material try-outs, will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 16 and Wednesday, Sept. 25 and 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19, Sunday, Sept. 22 and Tuesday, Sept. 24.

Free legal consultation

Student Government sponsors free attorney consultation to PUC students. Appointments are scheduled on Mondays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Quote of the week

'"Find a passion and follow it" is all the career advice you will ever need.'

-anonymous

News in Brief

Auditions for Awareness Players

The Awareness Players are a year-old group of students sponsored by the Communication and Creative Arts Department and the Purdue University Calumet Wellness Council, whose performances are issue-related. These issues encompass a wide range of health topics including HIV, AIDS, Cancer, and Drugs. They are looking for performers for this Fall. Students, staff and faculty are invited to participate.

For those interested, university credit can be obtained through the Communication and Creative Arts Department. Auditions will be held Sept. 3 from 3 - 5 p.m. in the Athletics Building, K-114. For more information, please contact Dianne Mitro at 989-2709.

PCIA debuts Web page

The Purdue Club for International Affairs (PCIA) seeks to promote greater student understanding and appreciation for global issues and cultures. PCIA faculty advisors are Professor Gideon Falk (Management) and Professor Carmen Torres-Robles (Foreign Language and Literature). The club will be holding elections during September and needs officer candidates with new ideas. Interested students should send e-mail to "pcia@axp.calumet.purdue.edu."

PCIA is going truly global on the World Wide Web. The PCIA Page includes announcements of upcoming activities, the club's mission statement, bio's of current officers and advisors, and some cool links to foreign sites. Also included are links to study-abroad programs that may be of interest to Purdue Calumet students.

The site adress for the PCIA Page is "http://axp.calumet.purdue.edu/~pcia."

Internet research jobs

American Computer Resources, Inc., a leading computer distributor to the education market, is hiring high school and college students across the United States to assist in the development of Study WEB, a free online meta-encyclopedia of research-quality information sites to help students and teachers spend more time viewing targeted information rather than searching for it.

"Students and teachers nationwide are tapping into the rapidly growing Internet universe and finding it difficult to locate focused information from the multitude of listings which might incorporate similar key words.

"Our Study WEB program offers students, and others within the educational arena, the opportunity to work part-time at their convenience from home or school while helping to build a free online educational resource. We are going to need many part-time researchers to keep up with the information pouring into the Internet daily," said Hubert Bowen, President of American Computer Resources, Inc.

For more information on Internet research jobs, please contact Leslie Kenny by e-mail ("lkenny@the-acr.com") or by phone (203-380-4600). Study WEB can be found on the internet at http://www.the-acr.com/studyweb/studyweb.htm.

Founded in 1983, American Computer Resources, Inc., is a full-service, international distributor of name-brand computer systems and components as well as custom configured Internet Computers.

Northwest Indiana Women's Economic Summit

Women from all walks of life in Northwest Indiana will have an opportunity to speak out about issues and solutions affecting their economic well-being at the Northwest Indiana Women's Economic Summit on Saturday, Sept. 21, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at PUC.

There is no fee for attending, child care will be provided for children ages 2-6, and free lunch will be served. Registration and tickets are required for lunch; tickets will be distributed at morning registration only.

The Summit is supported by the Indiana Commission for Women, which was signed into law by Governor Evan Bayh effective as of July 1, 1996. The Women's Commission was formed to examine and address the difficulties and impediments which prevent the full participation of Indiana women in education, business, politics, the judicial system and all other aspects of state life.

Their goal is to conduct summits throughout the state to gather information that identifies women's needs, their recommended solutions and available resources in their communities. The Commission's aim is to develop a clearing house for ongoing assistance, to inform state officials and the public about economic gender inequities and to impact future legislation.

Participants will learn about problem solving techniques, and then break out into groups by topics, to identify problems, resources already available and suggested solutions. At this time organizers are in need of sponsors and ad book supporters. For reservations or information call Ruth Benavente at (219) 924-1183 or Fax (219) 836-4806.

New Fiscal Head

Mary Shanks has been promoted to head of the Fiscal Operation Department. Mary's title will continue to be Manager of Fiscal Operations. She will have responsibility for payroll and accounting functions.

Zahraee named department head

Dr. Mohammed A. Zahraee became the head of the Department of Manufacturing Engineering Technology and Supervision effective July 1. Mohammed joined PUC in 1989 as an assistant professor. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Illinois University and both Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Professor Zahraee can be reached at ext. 2464.

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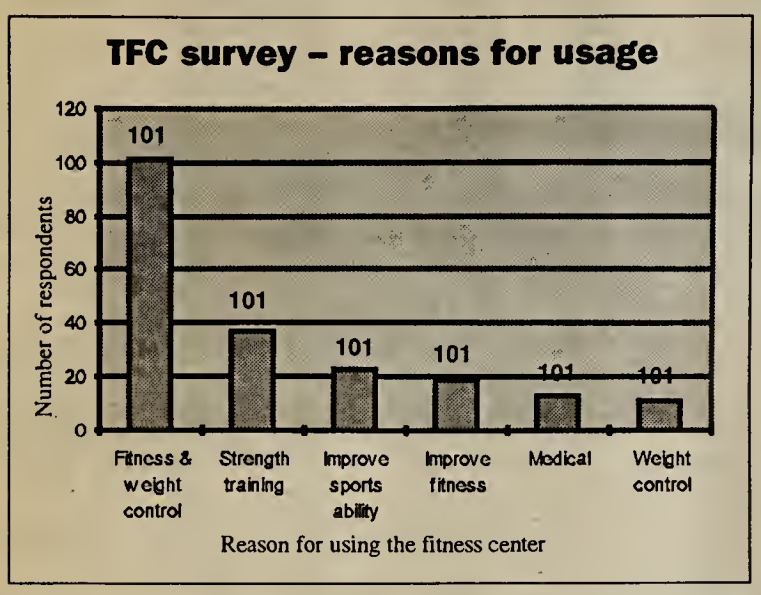
of the lower body.

Saylor also discussed some future changes for the TFC. "We're planning a renovation this Christmas which will change the atmosphere and add equipment to areas of the TFC."

Soon, two of the racquetball courts will be changed into a larger free weight room which will allow more room for more equipment. The current free weight room will be converted into a new aerobic room. If the budget allows, the extended hours will run throughout the entire school year including the summer.

"We wanted input. We're always looking to improve," added Saylor.



Nichols

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dedicated to his profession and his students," said William L. Robinson, professor of communication and head of Purdue Calumet's department of communication and creative arts. "He never walked into a class that he took for granted."

In addition to his work as a professor, Nichols also had the opportunity to write several books, including "Chicago Plumber: An Account of the Trade in the Twentieth Century Through the Stories Told by an American Craftsman" (based on memories of his father, Robert E. Nichols), and the series "A Year Among the Wildflowers of Purdue Calumet" and "A Year Among the Trees of Purdue Calumet."

"He seemed stern and straightforward (in class), yet halfway through he really warmed up to us. He had a great, subtle sense of humor," said senior Raymond Liskey, a former student of Nichols. "He was always working on something, always telling us about his projects."

As an administrator at Purdue Calumet, Nichols was an acting dean from 1979 to 1980, head of the department of English and philosophy from 1984 to 1988, special assistant to the chancellor from 1988 to 1989 and chair of numerous committees.

Nichols earned a baccalaureate degree in journalism from the University of Illinois, a master's degree in English from DePaul University and a Ph.D. in English from the University of Washington.

Before his career began at Purdue, he was an advertising copy writer and group copy chief for Sears Roebuck and Company in Chicago. He also served as gun platoon leader and liaison officer as a US Army Lieutenant (1954 to 1956).

Nichols is survived by his wife, Eula, and two sons, Robert E. Nichols, III, and Charles Nichols.

Photo by Sean Kingston

A new sign was recently erected to advertise upcoming events on campus, one of the many new additions to campus. Other improvements are the new student lounge in the Library building, Founders Plaza and a new parking lot.

Debt haunts college graduates

More than likely, it will haunt them for years, yet graduate and professional students are choosing to go into greater debt, more often and at a younger ages, than ever before.

The alarming trend is producing a "new class of indebted students," according to the report "Graduating Into Debt," released by The Education Resources Institute and the Institute of Higher Education Policy.

The number of students who took out federal loans rose 62 percent in 1995, to more than 1 million, as compared to 620,000 in 1993, the report said. Those students, both graduate and professional, borrowed nearly $7.7 billion, up 74 percent from 1993.

The average cumulative debt for dental students is $68,000; for medical students, $64,000; and for law students, $40,000. Such amounts of debt carry "serious long-term consequences" for students and their careers, the report said.

The study is a "clear warning for the public and policy-makers that we are graduating increasing numbers of students and professionals who are mortgaging their futures and destabilizing their careers," said Ted Freeman, TERI president. the fall.

Cornell students invent flavored coffee stirrers

ITHACA, N.Y. (CPS) – Why throw away your coffee stirrer when you can eat it?

That's the idea behind "Stir-Ins," edible coffee stirrers invented by a team of Cornell University students, who recently won a national award for their invention.

The product, for which the university will seek a patent, is a cookie wrapped in chocolate and topped with hazelnut, french vanilla, Irish creme or another flavor that dissolves when stirred into hot coffee.

Once the coffee is stirred, the java drinker can enjoy a crunchy, chocolate-dipped cookie.

"We could hear it crunch! Yes!" said Kathryn Deibler, a Cornell graduate student and member of the 12-student team, describing the judges' correct use of the cookie.

The Cornell inventers won an annual student food product competition held over the summer at the Institute of Food Technologies in New Orleans.

Cornell is a repeat winner. Last year, it brought home the gold with its toaster-ready "Pizza Pop-ups."

Have your cake & candles, too

Purdue University students invent edible birthday candles.

College Press Service

Now you can have your cake and eat the candles, too, thanks to three Purdue University students who have invented edible birthday candles. The peppermint-flavored candles, dubbed "Favor Flavors," work pretty much the same as their wax counterparts – except they don't drip and burn an average 25 seconds longer.

The candles, which are soy-based, netted the inventors a $5,000 first-place prize in a university-wide student competition. Purdue students Amy Khal, Rahul Nair and Adam Watkins will split the prize. "The soybean oil replaces paraffin, which is a by-product of gasoline production," Khal said. "When you consider that, decorating a cake with conventional candles is not very appetizing."

Watkins, who was the designated candle eater for the team, said he wants to continue work on replacing the cotton wick with something tastier. The second-place winner, a soy-based lip balm, captured a $2,500 prize for its three student inventors.

The competition was sponsored by the school's Department of Agronomy and the Indiana Soybean Development Council.

More students taking longer to finish college, report says

BY COLLEEN DEBAISE
College Press Service

DALLAS – For Rodney Booker, 22, weekends are a time for rest, not partying.

A senior marketing major at the University of Texas-Arlington, he juggles five business classes and a 20-hour work week as a counselor at the school's employment center.

"I thought it would be . . . not exactly easy, but more tolerable," he said. "By the time I get home, I'm tired and I go to sleep."

For Booker and an increasing number of college students, work is a necessary part of earning a college education. "I'm a first-generation college student," he said. "My family just didn't have the financial means to pay for my education."

Compared to a decade ago, a greater number of students require financial aid, juggle a job while in school and take longer to finish a degree, a new report says.

In fact, increased college expenses ranked among the most significant changes affecting students in the last 10 years, according to "Campus Trends 1996," a report released by the American Council of Education.

The council surveyed 403 two-year and four-year colleges and universities. Nearly all, or 88 percent, of the schools said a greater number of students must apply for financial aid.

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To help cover costs, an increasing number of students have jobs and are working longer hours, the survey found.

Most schools, or 78 percent, enroll more students with jobs than they did 10 years ago, and 16 percent said the need for students to work has been one of the biggest changes on campus.

At UT-Arlington, about 80 percent of the 23,000-student body hold jobs on or away from campus, according to Frank Gault, director of counseling and career development. "We have a lot of non-traditional students and a pretty large evening enrollment," he explained. "We recommend not more than 20 hours a week, [but] we do have a large number of students who work 30- to 40-hour weeks."

One symptom of students juggling study and work obligations is the delayed completion of degrees, according to the report.

For Booker, his 20-hour work week means he'll get his degree in five years rather than four. "If I didn't work, I could take more [credit] hours in the summertime," he said. "With working, it's just added pressure for me."

Gault agrees that too much time on the job can be overwhelming on a student. "If they work more than 20 hours, they do need to reduce their college load a bit," he said. "Their grades become low."

But Gault also is quick to point out some of the benefits of working while in school. "Research seems to indicate that people who are more likely to find jobs – and better-paying jobs – are those who were employed while they were in undergraduate studies," he said.

Many companies prefer to hire graduates who have real-world work experience, he said.

But to make the road to graduation easier, the university is beginning to teach people how to manage their time and balance their busy schedules, he said.

That's what lies ahead for many universities, according to Elaine El-Khawas, author of the report. Most campuses "are adapting to their new circumstances and, rather than waiting for things to return to 'normal,' are actively working to find their niche in a changed environment," she said.

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and returning students

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Interested in the environment?

The Purdue Calumet Green Coalition is looking for members for their new environmental group.

Contact the student activities office in C-339 or call 989-2369 for more information or to join.

For a cleaner, greener campus

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Join a Sorority!

Come meet the sisters of
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We are looking for women interested in community service, leadership and friendship.
Informational parties will be held on:
Aug. 27 in C-305 at noon
Aug. 28 in C-311 at 3 p.m.
Aug. 30 in C-311 at 6 p.m.
Sept. 6 to be announced.

If you have any questions call Laura at 845-8558.

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For more information

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We may be stupid, but we're studying hard and learning neat new stuff everyday!

Judged the most stupid organization for the 1995 – 1996 school year. Come join us for another year of hilarity and campus hi-jinks.

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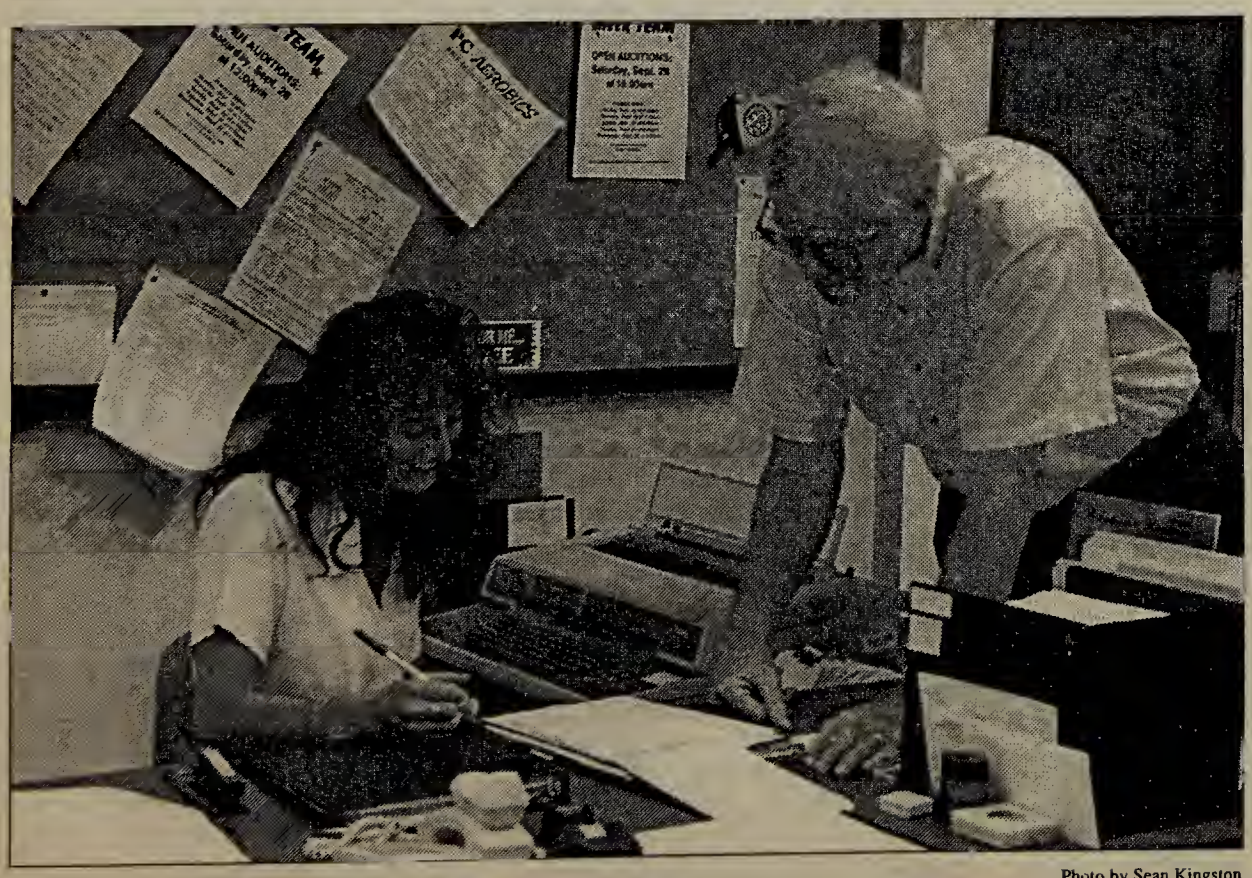

Photo by Sean Kingston

Director of Student Activities Larry Liddle, and new student activities secretary Michelle Peak, go over the list of student groups for the Activity Fair. The fair runs Sept. 4 – 5, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the main concourse of the Student Faculty Library Center.

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Many of the groups do charitable work. Clothing drives, food collections, blood drives, and fund-raising for community organizations take place every year. Other community services, such as voter registrations, are undertaken by some of the campus groups.

Students can gain skills that enhance their resume. "A trend we have seen with employers is that they are looking for students who held leadership positions in college," said Linda McClaughy-Erwin, director of Career Development and Placement. "If a student does not have a strong employment background, they can show involvement with activities as a basis for their resume. People don't realize that some of the best experience that shows up on a resume comes from non-paid experiences."

If students find that none of the current groups suit their needs, they can always form a new group. The Activities Office states that 10-15 new groups are started every year. "All it takes to form a new group is the desire to do so," said Liddle. "There is even start-up support money available."

More information on forming a new group is available in the Activities' office.

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The Purdue University Marketing Association
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For information on to Invest in Your Future, stop by the P.U.M.A. Table during the **Activities Fair** -- Wednesday, September 4 and Thursday September 5 in the SFLC Concourse.

Or E-mail PU.M.A. at PUMA@axp.calumet. purdue.edu

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers

welcomes back Purdue Calumet students for the fall semester

Take a look at the organization at their information table in the main concourse of the library building from Aug. 22 - Sept. 3.

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Visit our table August 29-30, and at the Student Activities Fair.
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The National Political Science Honor Society

Come meet the most active student organization of 1995 – 1996! We will be at the student activities fair Sept. 4 – 5. For more info contact Catherine at (219) 924-8265

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship welcomes you back to school!!!

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) is not just another ordinary 'church group' on campus, but it is a christian group from Purdue Calumet students to Purdue Calumet students. IVCF is present on more than 800 campuses in the United States. We hope to see you at any of our upcoming meetings which are every Monday in room C-313 from noon to 2 p.m.

Any question?
Look for our table at the student activities fair Sept. 4- 5 in the Library building main concourse.

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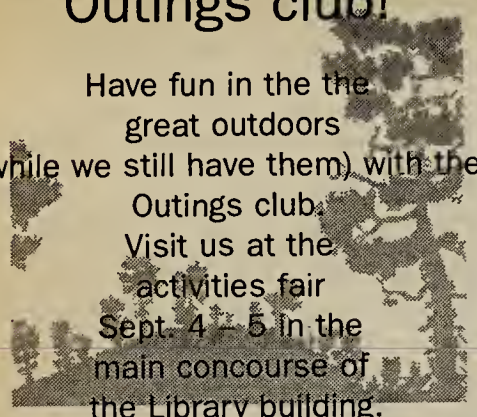

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Welcome back for a new year

BY BRIDGET OHNEZEIT
Staff Contributor

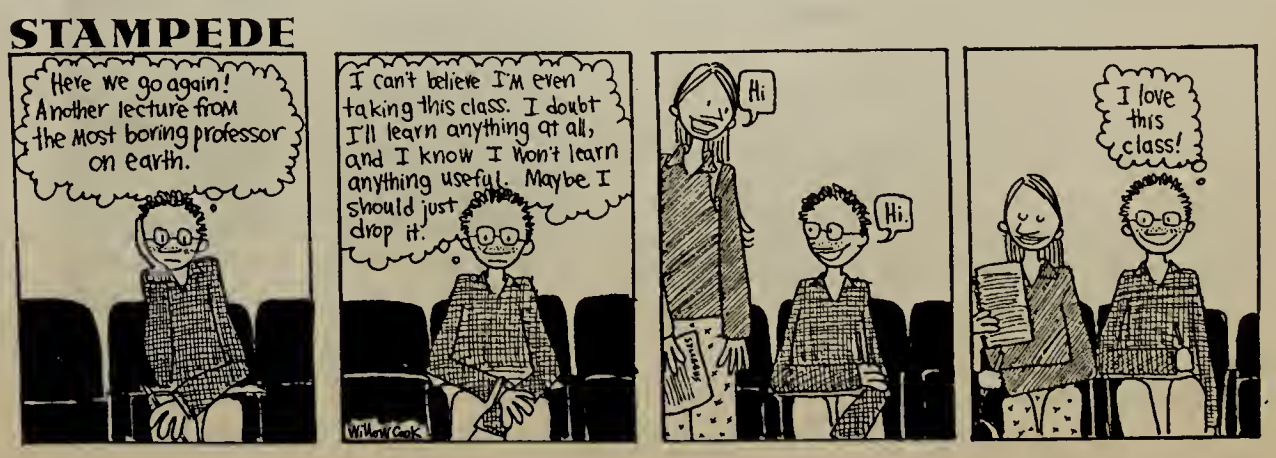
As the summer vacation comes to an end, students gear up for the return of yet another semester. The anticipation of standing in numerous lines paying tuition, changing schedules, and seeing if that physics book stashed under your bed from spring is worth more than $20.

Did I forget to mention the endless driving students do around the parking lots the first few weeks to try to grab a space before the next speed racer does?

Hold on though, because PUC has just gotten what you might call a facelift. What's new, you may ask? The lounge in the Library Building now has new furniture for your viewing or sleeping pleasure. They aren't La-Z-Boys, but they seem to be more comfortable than what we had last semester.

You may also wonder why the area between Gyte and the Library building is in a state of disarray: this is the site of the Founders Plaza, which will be made up of brick walkways, a waterway, and multiple locations for students and faculty to relax and/or socialize.

Overall, the enhancements are pleasant "welcome back" to students starting the new semester.


STAMPEDE
Here we go again! Another lecture from the most boring professor on earth.
I can't believe I'M even taking this class. I doubt I'll learn anything at all, and I know I won't learn anything useful. Maybe I should just drop it.
Hi
Hi.
I love this class!

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The Chronicle Online

The Chronicle has recently made a renewed effort in its on-line presence. Dubbed The Chronicle Online, the newly redesigned and expanded web pages are an excellent resource of information for students, faculty and cyberspace visitors to our campus. Stories in the low-tech but highly portable paper version will have a reference to The Chronicle Online with the above graphic, indicating that more information is available on-line.

The nature of the Internet is such that publishing information on-line is a lot quicker than putting it on paper. Links to other pertinent information elsewhere on the web is but a mouse click away. It will be The Chronicle Online's job to organize, edit and present this information to users in a timely, and useful manner.

The growth of the Internet has been phenomenal. From its humble beginnings as a cold war project at the Department of Defense's Advanced Research Project Association, the Internet has gone wild with the development of the World Wide Web and its hyperlink concept. It has become the "multi-media global circus," hypothesized by author Bruce Sterling.

Which brings us to our corner of hyperspace. Around campus, Netscape, albeit an older version, is available on every PC. We can use these to browse the Web and view such things as The Chronicle Online, information on PUC, and actually do research. But the computers are not set up correctly to take advantage of the capabilities of the Web. Old versions of Netscape, and inadequate video setups on monitors and computers capable of displaying the colors and higher resolution needed to take advantage of the Web hamper students in their research and learning. Tell CUSS (or whatever they are calling themselves these days) you want an 800 x 600 display with at least 256 colors.

Students have the ability to create their own Web page with the computing resources here at PUC. About 20 have tried, eight have succeeded. This may be more of a comment on the computing resources here at PUC than the student's abilities, but leave that for a later editorial. Creating a Web page is not simple to do, but is rapidly becoming easier. There are free seminars available on campus to help one learn how to create Web pages.

A committee had been established to develop a campus homepage. Most of the members of the committee have other positions at PUC, and have volunteered their time to help advertise the University. They have done so and are restructuring to help fill in the holes. What is lacking is students help and input. Students are a vast resource of help and knowledge. Plus they work for a small wage: the experience.

The Web team at The Chronicle Online is doing this for the fun of it and the experience. There is money to be made in the on-line world.

Contact Wes Lukoshas at 989-2217 for info about PUC Web initiatives, or Gregg Leonard at 989-2039 to help out with the Chronicle Online.

There is a world out there, a world of opportunity. It is but a mouse click away.

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Take a number and have a seat

A survivor's guide to line waiting

Scott Gonzales

One week ago I set out to register, pay for and purchase books for all of my classes. It's a simple enough thing to do, unless it's one week before school begins. Yes, I should have done it earlier. Yes, I waited until the last minute. But so did hundreds of other people I encountered throughout the day.

This is my story:

10:15 a.m. I leave my home for ol' PUC. Before I leave, I pat my pockets down: checkbook, drivers license, financial aid letters and such—I'm ready. Rev up the ol' van and I'm PUC bound.

10:35 a.m. I arrive at Purdue to find that the parking lot is pretty well deserted, which bodes well for me, I think to myself. If there are no cars, there is no one in line. Should I take a book to read? Nah! There's no one here, why should I? I walk through the Library building. So far so good: only two people watching television and only five other people walking through the building. Onward to the Gyte building.

10:45 a.m. I head straight for the Financial Aid offices in the basement of the Gyte building. On my way, I scoff at the people waiting to register for classes outside the counselor offices of Gyte. Ha! Turning the corner, straight down the hall are the Financial Aid offices. "The Financial Aid offices have moved to Gyte 204," reads the sign on the door. Uh-oh.

10:55 a.m. Up the stairs I climb to room 204, in some frail attempt to get myself some exercise. Roaming the halls of the second floor, I soon find out that room 204 is the Writing Lab and there are people sitting outside on the hallway floor. People in the hallway can only mean two things: 1) the actual room is so full that they have to sit in the hallway or 2) the room is unbearably hot or too uncomfortable to stay in. I walk in, mustering up all the confidence and bravery I can.

11:00 a.m. "I came to apply my aid to my classes," I say to the receptionist. "Gonzales, Scott." I give her my social security number and she calls down to another office. I can tell I'm in trouble because she starts to nod her head from side to side, which is never good. "Tch, tch, tch. I'll tell him," she says to the voice on the phone. "Here take a number and have a seat. You need to see a counselor," she says. Those words echo in my head like a death sentence. I look around the room and I find that the room is full of people and is unbelievably hot! I'm number 129. They're on number 62. I hang my head in despair.

11:15 a.m. I find a seat next to a guy who's sketching mechanical drawings in a notebook and a girl painting her nails. I should have brought a paper or my book to read. I'm kicking myself in the butt for it now.

12:00 p.m. The girl with the nails has been called in and left already. The guy next to me just keeps drawing. He must be on his fourth or fifth page by now, and not once has he looked up from his paper. Not once. It's eerie. There are about 40 people in room 204 and another 30 in the hall outside. This is what hell must be like. They call out number 69.

12:35 p.m. I overhear someone say the reason Financial Aid is in room 204 is that they are remodeling the basement offices. What genius thought to do this during the beginning of fall classes? They couldn't do this during the summer? I want to kill the person who decided to do this. The guy next to me still hasn't looked up from his paper. He just keeps drawing, drawing, drawing. He's driving me nuts! Should I go to the bookstore and get a paper? Finally, a lady sits down next to me and her toddler is screaming at the top of his lungs. I think I will go get that paper now. They're on number 75 as I walk out the door.

1:29 p.m. After watching a little TV, I stroll over into the bookstore. The line is past the sweatshirt racks so I decide to wait and get a paper somewhere else. I go out to my van and get my book to take back with me and read. Maybe I should just leave and abandon all hope of getting my classes. I'm in my van, it would be all too easy to escape. I head back to room 204.

1:46 p.m. As I walk in, I find that numbers 91-98 have flown the coop. The waiting was too intense for those weaklings. 99...100...101. It's a matter of principle now. 109...110. I'll wait until doomsday if I have to. 119...120...121. I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. 127...128. I'm next, I'm next! 129. Alleluia!!!

2:01 p.m. I finally see my counselor, and within a couple of minutes and a few keystrokes on her computer, I'm all set to go to my classes. I don't even have to go to the Bursar's Office. The computer takes care of it all. I love technology!

What can I say? Line waiting is inevitable, especially this time of year, and especially at universities. I may get books eventually. I'll go to my classes this week with a new sense of accomplishment, a new sense of achievement, because I, Scott Gonzales, have survived the fall semester waiting game.

Voices of Purdue

Question: "What did you do over the summer?"

Dahlia Youssef
Sophmore
"I hung out with my friends. I went dancing."

Chris Muvceski
Freshman
"Just been working on construction the whole summer.

Brian Jessen
Junior
"Basically I worked all summer. And I took small trips here and there with my friends."

Tony Brown
Sophmore
"I just worked all summer. And I went to Indianapolis and Lafayette."

Ray's Top Ten list for 1996

Sports talk by Raymond Liskey

Welcome back students. I hope your summer was exciting. Now the monotony of school will begin and you may be looking for things to do this school year...and I may be able to help. Listed below is a Top Ten list of activities offered to students at PUC. It might veer off the normal focus on sports, but you might like to try one or two of them.

10. Start off the year right and visit the Total Fitness Center in the K-building. For a measly 10 bucks a semester, you can work out seven days a week. Exercise physiologists are always on hand to help you find a level of exercise to your liking.

9. Utilize your technology fee and learn how to use a computer in one of the computer labs on campus. Hours upon hours can be spent surfing "the Net." E-mail is also a great and FREE way to keep in close contact with your friends at PUC or other campuses.

8. Go watch one of PUC's many sports teams compete. Entrance to a game or match is free to all students with your student service fee card. You'll enjoy watching an exciting and competitive event and the athletes will appreciate your support.

7. Watch the Cubs play on the big screen TV in the lounge.

6. Join an intramural team. Recreational sports in the K-building are a fun way to meet people and remain active.

5. Read the Chronicle. We've got lots of good stuff just waiting for you at your fingertips. Hey, if you've made it this far in the Top Ten list, then you can E-mail us and tell us what you think. If you just can't get the Chronicle off your mind, then our door is always open for new members.

4. Say hi to your favorite sports editor if you see him in the hall. He's human too, or so they say.

3. Join PUC's Cheer or Dance team. Help support PUC's athletic teams. If you like to cheer or want to improve your dance skills, then this could be for you.

2. Catch up on your sleep. After spending all your time having fun, your body needs to rest.

1. Study! Believe it or not, the main reason you're here is to educate yourself. Be careful though, sleep may interefere with your studying. Don't drool on your books, they cost too much money as it is.

Above all, have a great semester, learn some and have a little fun on the side.

Let's pray that the Cubs can somehow buy their way into a play-off spot.

Lady Lakers go global

RAYMOND LISKEY
Sports Editor

The Lady Lakers visited two countries, acquired a taste for international culture and played four different international basketball teams from Aug. 8 through 16.

Playing basketball was not the entire focus of the overseas trip. According to PUC Athletic Director John Friend, the trip was a tremendous learning experience as well.

"We gained a great appreciation for world community," added Friend.

Some of the places that were visited included a traditional Latvian farm, tours of the old city of Riga and Rundale Castle. This castle was also a summer home of the wife of a russian czar and included 138 rooms.

Sophomore Amanda Stutler described the castle as "gorgeous." Stutler, who caught a cold the last day of the trip, added "If people lived there, they would not be able to see half of the castle."

Photo courtesy of John Friend

The Lady Lakers pose for a picture with a professional women's team from France during their visit to Europe.

While visiting the village of Kalni, the Lady Lakers were also invited into Latvian homes.

"We got to meet a lot of kids. It makes me appreciate the things that I have," said sophomore Anjie Jez. After returning to the United States, Jez received four letters from children that she visited.

The group also saw a performance from a youth dance group as well as native Latvian folk dance.

Junior Tabitha Beaumont said, "It was a learning experience. It was nice to see the differences between here and there."

'It was a learning experience. It was nice to see the differences between here and there.'
Tabitha Beaumont

The trip was made possible through a continuation of the relationship between PUC and various universities in Lithuania. Representatives from the Baltic countries offered PUC a game with some of their teams on a visit to to PUC two years ago. As a result, the 1995 CCAC champion Lakers traveled to Kaunas, Lithuania in August.

Head coach Gary Hayes, along with assistant coach Scott Baker, Friend and twelve Lady Lakers accepted an invitation from Jurus Garkalns to visit Latvia and Lithuania.

Although they used their last year of eligibility last season, seniors Michelle Russell and Tanya Popiela made a big splash in the Latvian tournament in Kalni.

The Lady Lakers played three games against professional teams. Before injuring an ankle, Russell finished second in a three-point shooting contest and also won player of the game. Popiela was player of the game twice, second overall in scoring and a member of the all tournament team. Coach Hayes also led two basketball clinics in Kalni and Riga.

Photo courtesy of John Friend

Sophomore Lady Laker Tina Mudy enjoys a beautiful day in a traditional Latvian garden with over 3,000 varieties of plants and trees.

Do you like to watch sports? Would you like to share your views with countless others? Do you breathe in the same oxygen as others on this campus? If you answered yes to any of the previous questions, then call 989-2039 or stop by The Chronicle office in C-344H.

Dance team kicks into high gear

DEDEE LUDWIG
Staff Writer

This year the men's basketball games will have some additional entertainment. For the first time in history Purdue Calumet will have an official dance team.

Last year the dance team was formed during the middle of the season and performed at a few of the games, but this is the first year they will exist as an official university activity.

At the present time the dance team has 10 members. There will be no limit put on the size of the team after tryouts. "If we get twenty people, great," said Wendy Saylor of the Purdue Calumet Fitness Center and dance team advisor.

Try-outs will be held to increase the size of the current team and are Sat., Sept. 28 at noon. There will also be five practice dates in September for those interested in trying out. These practices will demonstrate the material required at the try-outs.

After tryouts end, practices will be held twice a week. The season will begin Nov. 8.

"Everyone is invited to tryout, regardless of dance experience in the past," said Saylor. "At the current time we have people with all ranges of dance experience involved."

Members of the dance team will not only participate in games, they will also be involved in fund raisers, attending dance camps and hosting a dance camp. "This year we want to develop as a team," stated Saylor.

For more information, contact Saylor at 989-2363.

Dance Team Information

Practice Dates:

Mon., Sept. 16 .....6:30 - 8 p.m.
Thur., Sept. 19 .....6 - 7:30 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 22.....6 - 7:30 p.m.
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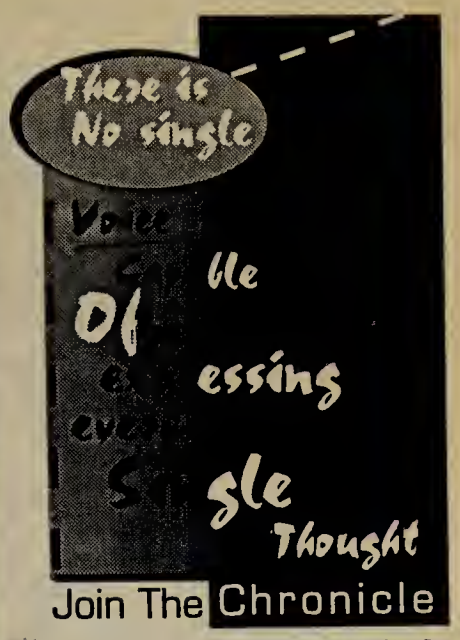

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